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Dear Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments below. No amendments to the specification or the claims have been made at this time.